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Sri A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : நம்முடைய துணி வெளியில் தரமான துணியாக இல்லை என்று சொல்கிறார்கள். அதனால் ஆரம்பிக்கிறபோதே தரமான நூலைத் தயாரிக்க சர்க்கார் கட்டுப்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : It is a suggestion by the hon. Member.

Handloom cloth

* 28 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been made to the Central Government to raise the rebate rate now allowed on sales of handloom cloth by the co-operative sector; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : இப்போது கொடுக்கிற கழிவுத்தொகை குறைக்கப்படும் என்று மத்திய சர்க்காரிலிருந்து மாகாண அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தகவல் ஏதாவது வந்திருக்கிறதா ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : இப்போது தகவல் ஒன்றும் இல்லை. ஆனால் பொதுவாக இந்தக் கழிவுத் தொகையைக் கொஞ்சம் கொஞ்சமாகக் குறைத்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்பது மத்திய சர்க்காரின் லட்சியமாக இருக்கிறது.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : அப்படிக் குறைத்துக்கொண்டே போவதற்கு தற்போது சரியான நிலைமை இல்லை. மத்திய சர்க்கார் அந்த மாதிரி யோசனையைச் சொன்னால், இந்த அரசாங்கம் அதைத் தீவிரமாக எதிர்க்குமா ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : இந்த சர்க்கார் என்ன அவசியமோ அதைச் செய்யும்.

Headmasters of incomplete high schools

* 29 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Headmasters of incomplete high schools under the North Arcot District Board have not been placed on the revised scales of pay fixed for Grade I Headmasters; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Headmasters of incomplete high schools will get the same scale of pay as the headmasters of complete high schools provided that the individuals are appointed from the panel prepared for the purpose. In other cases, they will draw pay in the scale fixed for L.T. Assistants.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware, Sir, that in the case of institutions aided by the Government, there is no question of panel, and all headmasters, when they bear the name are eligible for Headmaster's scales of pay?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Headmasters in incomplete high schools who have not been included in the panel are Headmasters for all purposes except for drawing the Headmaster's scale of pay?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, Government prefer appointments made out of the panel, and for those Headmasters who are selected from out of the panel, there is a prescribed scale of pay. If the Headmasters are not selected from the panel, that scale does not apply.

Improvement of communication

* 30 *Q*.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any special grant as recommended by the Finance Commission for the improvement of communication in the State has been allotted by the Central Government; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The Commission has recommended special purpose grants taking into account the relative needs of the different States and the resources available to them. The Commission has not recommended any such grant for Madras State.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that one of the recommendations of the Finance Commission which was accepted by the Central Government was that a grant of Rs. 9 corres only should be paid to certain States but Madras has been excluded from that? May I know the reason why the Madras State has been excluded?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is the answer that I gave. Madras has been excluded along with certain other States, because comparatively the States that are mentioned the nine States are backward in the matter of communications.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, have this Government made any representations that this State should not be excluded but that it should be included along with the other nine States which get a grant? We are in the same state as the nine other States are.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the difficulty is that Madras State cannot plead that it is as backward as certain other States are.